Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

The question has reference to a matter affecting the relations of His Highness the Maharaja and the Cranganur Chief, and cannot be answered consistently with public interests.

The Election of the Chairman of the Trichur Municipality in 1099.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

272. (a) Is the Government aware that in the election of Chairman by the members of the Trichur Municipality in 1099 the official members did not take part or vote ?

(b) Had the Government issued any instruction to remain neutral in the matter ? If so, what were the reasons to inaugurate this policy ?

(c) Is there any change this time in the matter ? If so, why ?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

(a) On a reference now made, the Chairman has reported that the official members did not take part in the election.

(b) The Diwan had suggested like that to the official members. Communal dissensions at the time indicated that that would be the right policy.

(c) Government did not consider that such policy need be adhered to.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

Part (b). Were not the rival candidates for the Chairman's place in 1099 Messrs. Kochugovinda Marar and Dr. A. R. Menon ?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

Government had no information that Mr. Kochugovinda Marar was the candidate.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

Then what was the nature of the communal dissensions ?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

The dissension was between different communities.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

Which communities ?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

The communities in the Town.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

Answer to sub-division (c). In 1101, were not the rival candidates Messrs. Sangu Wariar and C. A Ouseph ?

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Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

In the first place there was no such communal feeling. In the second place, Government thought it is not proper to deprive any man of the right conferred upon him by law. So Government did not interfere.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

Why does the Government adopt different policies at different times, and is there not a settled policy with regard to it?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

There is no settled policy. We know that.

The policy does not remain permanent.

A State Bank in the State.

Mr. LONAPPAN CHAKKOLA.

273. (a) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a report of the Committee appointed by the Government to report upon the need and facilities for a State Bank in the State?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken by the Government in pursuance of the said Committee's report?

(c) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it intends to start a State or State-aided Bank in the near future?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

(a) Copy of the report is available in the Council Library.

(b) Government have deferred the consideration of the question.

(c) Not at present.

Realisation of the loans to the Tanneries.

Mr. LONAPPAN CHAKKOLA.

274. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

i. Whether it has taken steps, and if so, what, to realise the amounts that have been lent to the Tanneries at Chalakkudi;

ii. Whether the Government hopes to realise the amount so lent, and if so, when would they be realised?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

i No legal steps have been taken.

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